

HOUSE No. 1011

By Mr. Murphy of Lowell, petition of Kevin J. Murphy and others relative to parental notification and consent concerning human sexual education in the public schools. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Kevin J. Murphy	Mark J. Carron
Brian Paul Golden	Peter J. Larkin
Robert S. Hargraves	

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO PARENTAL NOTIFICATION AND CONSENT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section 32A of Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by striking out the first paragraph and inserting in place
3 thereof the following:—
4 Section 32A. Every city, town, regional school district or voca-
5 tional school district implementing or maintaining curriculum or
6 school sanctioned program or activity which primarily involves
7 human sexual education or human sexuality issues shall adopt a
8 policy ensuring parental/guardian notification. All such cur-
9 riculum, programs and activities shall be offered only in clearly
10 identified non-mandatory courses that parents or guardians may
11 choose to enroll their children through written notification to the
12 school, in a manner reasonably similar to other elective courses
13 offered by the school district; provided, however in the case
14 where it is determined by a school principal, or his designee, that
15 obtaining said notification would be detrimental to the well being
16 of the student, then said student shall be exempt from the notifica-
17 tion requirement herein described.